Committee which *inter alia* have a bearing on the re-organisation of the Ministry of Defence have been considered. Government have since decided to have the entire gamut of National Security Management including these proposals/ recommendations, reviewed by an appropriate body to be appointed for this purpose.

**Safeguarding Railway Properties from extremists in Assam**

*291. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway tracks were blown off in Karbi Anglong district of Assam in mid-January, 2000 on the eve of P.M.'s visit to Assam;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents in North-East Frontier Railways during the last two years; and

(c) the measures taken to safeguard Railway properties from the hands of extremists and also save human lives?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) On January 19, 2000, there was a bomb explosion between Bokajan and Chungajan railway stations causing derailment of a goods train.

(b) Details of such incidents during the years 1998 and 1999 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) Vigilance on railway tracks has been intensified. Railway gangmen, Home Guards and GRP personnel have been deployed for joint track patrolling. State Police and Army Guards have been mounted on all the important railway bridges in the State. State Police and Railway Protection Force personnel as well as Home Guards have been deployed in all passenger/goods trains. Security arrangements are reviewed from time to time.

STATEMENT

*Details of incidents in North East Frontier Railways during the years 1998 and 1999*

**1998**

1. On railway track between Sarupeta and Barpeta railway station under Rangia, GRPS;

2. On railway track at Alakjhar between Gossaigaon and Choutara railway station under Bongaigaon GRPS;

3. On railway track at Guwahati railway station platform;

4. On railway track on Kapili river bridge under Guwahati GRPS;

**1999**

1. On railway track between Sarupeta and Barpeta Road railway station under Rangiya, GRPS;

2. On railway track on railway bridge over Panchandi river in between Hoograjuli and Majbat railway station under Rangapara GRPS;

3. On railway track between Bijni and Patiladaha railway station under Bongaigaon GRPS;

4. On railway track between Korajhar and Salakati railway station under Bongaigaon GRPS;

5. On railway track at K.M. No. 443/6-7 under Simaluguri GRPS.

**Electrification of Villages**

292. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of electrification of villages has not made any progress since 1997;

(b) if so, the total number of villages in the country, state-wise;

(c) the number of villages electrified during the year 1998 and 1999, state-wise; and

(d) the number of unelectrified villages as on 31st December, 1999; state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Total number of inhabited villages in the country along with State-wise details of villages electrified during 1997-98, 1998-99 and villages remaining to be electrified as on December, 1999 are given at attached Statement-I and Statement-II respectively